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Comments: This is a citizen comment, not an expert or utility interest group comment. In addition to reduction of maintenance issues associated with overhead utility lines, I would like to point out the beautification that would result in eliminating, as much as possible, the poles and cables that block our views and sight lines in every direction. As an amateur photographer of historic sites and views, I frequently experience frustration in trying to get a decent shot without a web of utility lines getting in the way. We are unable to see many of our historic buildings the way they were intended because of these obstructions. The problem also exists in our rural areas as poles and lines march across fields and vistas. I realize that this may be a small factor in considering whether or not to bury utility lines, but the benefits of underground lines are cumulative and arise from many considerations, not just the maintenance question. Thanks.